

## *Severe Weather Safety:*

# *Staying Safe in the Storm*

## Be Prepared

### It's Up to You!

Each year, many people in the U.S. are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and severe thunderstorms despite advance warning. Some did not hear the warning, while others heard the warning but did not believe it would happen to them. The following preparedness information, combined with timely severe weather watches and warnings, could save your life. Once you receive a warning or observe threatening skies, **you** must make the decision to seek shelter before the storm arrives. It could be the most important decision you will ever make.

### What You Can Do Before Severe Weather Strikes

- Develop a plan for you and your family at home, work, school, and when outdoors.
- Identify a safe place to take shelter.
- Have frequent drills.
- Know the county you are in or visit. The National Weather Service issues severe weather warnings for specific counties.
- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery backup.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors.
- If severe weather threatens, check on people who are elderly, very young, or physically or mentally disabled.

## Listen to NOAA Weather Radio

### The “Smoke Alarm” for Severe Weather

NOAA Weather Radio, the voice of the National Weather Service, broadcasts forecasts, weather conditions, and severe weather watches, warnings, and advisories for Oneida County and the surrounding area. If you live in Oneida County, tune to NOAA Weather Radio station WNG-565 Rhineland on 162.40 MHz.

People in charge of buildings, schools, and large gatherings should have a NOAA Weather Radio nearby when severe weather threatens. Planning **before** severe weather hits saves lives.



For more **Severe Weather Safety** information, contact  
Oneida County Emergency Management at (715) 351-5167  
or visit the National Weather Service on-line at: [www.weather.gov/grb](http://www.weather.gov/grb)

